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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents were submitted in the parent application (No. 10/216,745), and are not enclosed herewith for that reason.

The Japanese language documents listed on the Form PTO 1449 are discussed in the specification at pages 1, 2 and 34. Applicants submit that those documents may be relevant for the reasons noted therein. U.S. Patent Nos. 6,097,497; 6,291,829; and 6,276,776 are also discussed in the specification, at pages 1 and 2, 34 and 73, respectively.

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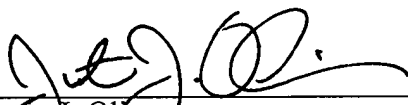
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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

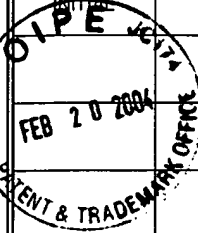
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